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FROM : Information Control, OSO

COUNTRY : Germany (Russian Zone)

SUBJECT : Rügen Island MGB Opergrupa

1. The headquarters of the Rügen Island MGB Opergrupa are located at Billrothstrasse 3, Bergen, under the command of Major KOZHIN. This Opergrupa is one of the field stations of the Operational District Greifswald (Operativni Okrug), in turn under the command of the MGB Operational Sector Mecklenburg/Vorpommern. KOZHIN's Deputy is Captain S.S. SARA. Lt. Colonel LISEV is chief of the Greifswald Operational District and Major General NIKITIN, chief of the Operativni Sektor Mecklenburg/Vorpommern.

2. A company of MVD border troops (Pogranichnikov) are billeted next to the Opergrupa headquarters in Bergen. These troops guard the buildings, prisons, and prisoner convoys sent to camps. The border guard company is part of a regiment (Pogaranichni) with headquarters in Grimmen, Mecklenburg Province.

3. Rügen Island MVD Opergrupa initiated its activities in May 1945. At first it confined its work to rounding up Nazi party members and collaborators. The arrestees were sent to a camp at Neubrandenburg. In July 1945, a systematic recruitment of a German "agentura" (agent network) began. Certain former party members were purposely left free from arrest during the original round-up, later to be summoned and coerced either to sign the following agreement or be classified as war criminals:

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"I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to collaborate with the Red Army, under the cover name ....

My duties are to pursue Fascists and all enemies of the Red Army.

I hereby promise to the Red Army that I will not reveal the nature of my work to anyone, including my wife, relatives, and friends.

I understand that I will be punished for any contravention under the laws of the USSR.

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(Signature)

4. As the work of the "agentura" developed, the island of Rügen was divided into five sections for operational purposes, each section with its own Opergrupa representative. The sections were (and presumably are): Bergen City, under representative Capt. SARA; Sassnitz, under representative Sr. Lt. VINOGRADOV; Binz, also under Capt. SARA; Putbus-Garz, under representative Lt. KOMUROV; and Zingst, whose representative is a Jr. Lt., name unknown.

5. Along with the systematic recruitment of an "agentura", operational apartments (Konsperativniya Kwartiry or Konsperativki) were established throughout the island in August and September 1945.

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